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Hi Michael,

This a good summary and it reflects the status of the BDCP to my knowledge. Thank you for producing it. I've cc'd Tom Hagler so he can add anything else he may know.

Are the teams addressing habitat restoration the same teams that are addressing monitoring? I recall a meeting that I could not attend, but was attended by EPA scientist Paul Jones, regarding monitoring. It would be helpful to know if that effort is still moving forward. At the last IEP directors meeting, the topic of poor coordination with BDCP and the expectation that EIP would function as its monitoring program was discussed at length. It is probably worth noting that other, related but not dependent, efforts are moving forward such as the Dutch Slough Project and potentially restoration efforts in the Yolo Bypass like the Lower Yolo Tidal Wetland Restoration Project and long term planning from MWD on Conaway Ranch.

Thanks again!

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Status of BDCP is they currently in holding pattern.

Here's what I have been able to piece together from various sources:

DOI: The work on the EIS/EIR ceased in mid 2010. It may start again in May of 2011.

DOI: The Monday afternoon coordination calls with David Nawi are no-longer being done. Nawi and others are focusing all of time and effort into the

current OCAP section 7 USFWS Biological opinion, which recently suffered a partial loss in court and needs redoing. The Federal Agency coordination calls will begin again at some point in the future.

DWR: The State is suspending their engineering designs and permitting (what we needed for our permit review processes) on the BDCP until March, DWR staff which were working on the BDCP as part of the DHCCP are being reassigned. The State's contractor, HDR, is on standby.

SWC: The State Water Contractors are not holding Steering committee meetings in January.

I was unable to find out if the work on the HCP is continuing or has also been suspended.

Teams working on habitat restoration components may be continuing their work. I have a call on Thursday with one of those teams and will hopefully learn more.

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